

App. No. 09/788,301

Request for continued examination under 37 CFR §1.114

REMARKS

Claims 1-63 are currently pending in the application. Claim 63 has been amended in response to an Examiner rejection. The Abstract has been amended in response to an Examiner objection. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Acceptance of the drawings filed on 02/16/2001 is hereby acknowledged.

The Abstract has been amended so as to fall within the limit of 150 words. Applicants' Agent regrets the oversight of the objection to the Abstract made in the previous Office Action, and apologizes for any inconvenience to the Examiner.

Applicants acknowledge allowance of Claims 1-62, and the reasons given therefor.

Claim 63 has been rejected under 35 USC § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection is overcome and that Claim 63, as amended, particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention.

In particular, Examiner has pointed out in line 4 of Claim 63, there was no antecedent basis for the term "the taper segment support members". Claim 63 has been amended to correct this by identifying the "wrapping adjuster" set forth in parent Claim 62 as "comprising a pair of taper segment support members...".

In view of the above, it is submitted that Claim 63, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested. Allowance of Claim 63 and issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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